

# Minutes Sept 4, 2025 - Final

## Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

### 1. Welcome, Roll Call & Announcements

#### a. Attendance as follows:

#	First Name	Last Name	Utility	Official Operating Board Role
1	Hilary	Allison	SPU	
2	Will	Appleton	Soos Creek	Utility Rep
3	Sean	Bauer	Cedar River	Utility Rep
4	Julie	Belt	Woodinville	
5	Alex	Chen	SPU	Utility Rep + Board Member + Vice Chair
6	Julie	Crittenden	SPU	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member
7	Jamie	Crookston	Coal Creek	
8	Kathy	Curry	Woodinville	Utility Rep
9	Katie	Dahlberg	SPU	
10	Jeremy	DelMar	Highline	Utility Rep + Board Member
11	Pete	Eberle	WD 90	Utility Rep
12	Elizabeth	Garcia	SPU	
13	Jeremy	Graham	Coal Creek	
14	Terri	Gregg	SPU	
15	Charlotte	Haines	North City	
16	Patricia	Hale	North City	
17	Paul	Hanna	SPU	
18	Roxanne	Heller	WD 119	
19	Jason	Kintner	Mercer Island	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member
20	Michele	Koehler	SPU	
21	Paula	Laschober	SPU	Utility Rep + Board Member
22	Steve	Leniszewski	Duvall	Utility Rep
23	Wayne	Liou	SPU	
24	Ron	Little	n/a	Independent Member
25	Ethan	Maiefski	Northshore	Utility Rep
26	Michael	Martin	WD 20	Utility Rep
27	Madisen	Norton	SPU	
28	Suzi	O'Byrne	Coal Creek	Utility Rep
29	Kelly	O'Rourke	SPU	
30	Jorgan	Peadon	WD 49	Utility Rep + Alt Board Member
31	Diane	Pottinger	North City	Utility Rep + Board Member
32	Kelsey	Quinn	SPU	
33	Kathleen	Quong-Vermeire	Highline	
34	Ron	Straka	Renton	
35	Carol	Volk	SPU	
36	Logan	Wallace	Soos Creek	
37	Ingrid	Wertz	SPU	
38	Max	Woody	North City	
39	Shane	Young	WD 125	Utility Rep + Board Member + Chair

#### b. Announcements:

- There were no announcements.

### 2. Agenda/Minutes

- a. July 10, 2025 minutes were approved 5-0 (1 Operating Board member was absent).
- b. Sept 4, 2025 agenda was approved 5-0 (1 Operating Board member was absent).

### 3. **Old Business**

**Emergency Interties Not in Existing Contracts:** Terri Gregg provided a quick refresher on this topic, which was originally discussed at the July 10 Operating Board meeting. She then requested a vote to approve the emergency interties, which are included in a list dated Sept 3, 2025 and include 9 wholesale customers and 19 interties. The vote was approved 5-0 (1 Operating Board member was absent).

### 4. **New Business**

- a. **Supply Status Update:** Elizabeth Garcia provided a briefing on the current water supply status. The main points are that water supply continues to be below average, dry conditions persist, and that storage conditions are more reliant on the return of fall rains. SPU's modeling shows a 10% chance of needing to use the pump plants on the Cedar system by late October.
- b. **Habitat Conservation Plan Overview & Update:** Michele Koehler gave an overview of the HCP program including 2024 activities and finances. She mentioned that the fish passage cost commitment has been met, however fish passage work will continue since it is required by state law. Michele mentioned that the HCP just concluded year 25 of the 50-year plan.
- c. **South Fork Tolt Relicensing Project:** Ingrid Wertz provided an overview of the project including the history and current facilities for both water and energy supply, an overview of the FERC relicensing process, a reminder of how cost sharing between SPU and Seattle City Light works, and the current status of the project. The project has met all the milestones to date including four major deliverables and is scheduled for completion in 2029.
- d. **2025 Wholesale Customer Annual Survey:** Kelly O'Rourke shared the results of the 2025 Wholesale Customer Annual Survey. The results were in line with previous years.

### 5. **Executive Summaries & Other Business**

- a. **Water Consumption – Actual Compared to Rate Study:** Julie Crittenden shared that actual annual consumption to date is 4.3% higher than the 2020 Rate Study projection and 1.4% higher than this time last year.
- b. **Water Supply Update:** This standard very brief update was omitted because a fuller update was provided as part of Agenda Item 4a.
- c. **Next Meeting:**
  - October 2, 2025; noon-3pm; Tour of Landsburg (special time/location)

### 6. **Good of the Order**

- a. **Transmission Leak Detection Project:** Julie Crittenden mentioned SPU is planning a significant leak detection project on the Eastside Supply Line which will require the temporary closure of wholesale services. The impacted wholesale customers will be notified shortly.
- b. **Water Supply Message:** Julie Crittenden mentioned SPU is doing some “soft messaging” to retail customers via SPU’s blog about using water wisely.
- c. **QC Service Area Boundaries:** Kelly O’Rourke reminded the group of the assignment to QC service area boundaries by the end of the year.

Board meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Shane Young  
Shane Young (11/07/2025 10:48:17 PST)

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**Chair, Shane Young**  
**Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board**

11/07/2025  
**Date**